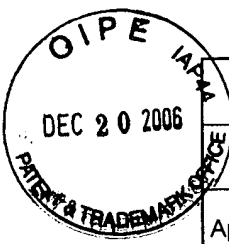


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Invention: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING BRITTLE MATERIAL

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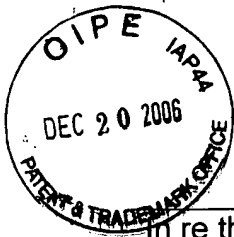
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I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the non-final Office Action dated September 21, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1-6, 8-14, 16 and 21-24 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 6, 9, 14 and 21-24 are amended.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

(There are no amendments to the specification)